

**Newfield Planning Board Minutes
Feb.17,2021 Special Meeting Called
Town of Newfield,**

Present: Ben B., Gloria D., Skip T., Emily F., Dan P., Anthony G.

Absent: none

Quorum present: yes

Topic	Discussion	Decision
<u>Call to order</u>		7pm
<u>Pledge</u>		By all
<u>Minutes</u>		No minutes for approval at this time
<u>Public Comment</u>		none
<u>New Business</u>	A letter from Above All Greenery was received on 2-13-21 by the chair of the Planning Board regarding an upcoming referendum vote at March Town Meeting on an Ordinance called: "Marijuana Manufacturing Ordinance" The Select Board have scheduled and posted, on the town web page, a public hearing for next Tuesday at 6pm. PB Chair called a special meeting tonight to review the letter. No other members of the board have received the letter yet which states the purpose of the Ordinance and its request for the town to Opt In to allow Adult Use Marijuana and Medical Marijuana Manufacturing in the Rural and Farm and Forrest Districts in Newfield. The PB reviewed the components of the ordinance and recognized that if this Ordinance passes it will change the zoning in the Farm and Forrest District. Concerns were raised about: the difficulty to provide adequate public notice due to the pandemic consequences; the need to consider specific performance standards for this industry; the possible need to amend zoning or amend the district uses to align this industry in compatible areas of town; and to consider any impacts to the welfare of residents in certain residential areas in town.	Board members will try to attend the public hearing via zoom or in person. Ben will convey the planning board concerns at the hearing and ask the select board to pass a moratorium to allow the town time to review the zoning map and consider amendments to the proposed ordinance if it passes at the March 12 vote.
<u>Old Business</u>	At the annual budget meeting the Select Board recommended the PB budget proposal and the Finance Committee did not make a recommendation.	PB members can attend town meeting to support the PB budget for the ensuing year. Town Meeting is being held at 10 am Saturday March 13 at the LINE School
<u>Budget</u>		
<u>Other Items</u>		
Meeting adjourned	Motion to adjourn made by Ben and seconded by Skip, all in favor 5-0-0	8:45 pm

Next meeting: March 3,2021 at 7 pm

